

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SANTIA 01705 111533Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 FBIE-00 SCS-06 JUSE-00 CA-01 SY-05
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 INRE-00 SS-15 SSO-00
NSCE-00 PA-01 L-03 /056 W
-----075741 111539Z /14
O R 111435Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8146
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANTIAGO 1705

BUENOS AIRES FOR LEGAL ATTACHE

E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN, SHUM, PGOV, CI
SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE: MARCH 10/11

1. ALL MEDIA MARCH 11 CARRY EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE THAT ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY HAS BEEN NAMED USG'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CHILE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE. "EL MERCURIO" REPORTS THAT ETCHEBERRY WILL MEET WITH LETTERS ROGATORY JUDGE JUANA GONZALEZ MARCH 13. IN "LA TERCERA" INTERVIEW ETCHEBERRY SAYS THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS APPOINTMENT IS THAT THE USG HAS GREAT INTEREST IN PROCEEDING RAPIDLY WITH JUDICIAL ACTION ON THE LETTERS ROGATORY.

2. JUANA GONZALEZ CONTINUES TIGHT-LIPPED. HOWEVER, REGARDING POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR TOWNLEY OR FERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY, SHE IS REPORTED AS STATING: "UNTIL THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE ESTABLISHES THE TRUE IDENTITIES (OF WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL) THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO; I CANNOT CALL ALL THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE PRESS."

3. THE MUCH MORE TALKATIVE LIBEDINSKY (SPECIAL INVESTIGATING
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SANTIA 01705 111533Z

JUDGE) MET MARCH 10 WITH CIVIL POLICE (INVESTIGACIONES) HEAD BAEZA, AND SAID THAT, SO FAR, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THE WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL PASSPORTS ARE OR WHO SIGNED THEM. HE ADDED THAT THE PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO BURN RETURNED PASSPORTS EVERY TWO YEARS. LIBEDINSKY SAID THAT HE WILL EXTEND HIS INVESTIGATION TO THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY IN RESPONSE TO AN "UNCONFIRMED REPORT" THAT THE PASSPORTS FOR WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL MAY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

BY THAT MINISTRY. ASKED BY THE PRESS WHETHER HE HAD ANY PLANS TO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM US COURTS (I.E. REVERSE LETTERS ROGATORY), LIBEDINSKY REPLIED HE HAS NO PRESENT PLANS.

4. THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIES A UPI STORY ON THE MONTERO VISIT TO WASHINGTON, NOTING THAT THE USG IS SATISFIED WITH THE COOPERATION CHILE IS PROVIDING. "LA TERCERA" REPORTS THAT MONTERO WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON, WORKING ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE LETELIER INVESTIGATION, UNTIL NEXT WEEK. BOTH "LA TERCERA" AND "EL MERCURIO" CARRY AN AP SUMMARY OF THE WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL OF MARCH 10.

5. THE CHILEAN ARMY IS REPORTED TO BE CARRYING OUT ITS OWN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF THE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF CAPTAIN ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS IN THE CASE. NEITHER HE NOR TOWNLEY HAS YET SURFACED PUBLICLY.
LANDAU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MURDER, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, INVESTIGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SANTIA01705
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780109-0979
Format: TEL
From: SANTIAGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780379/aaaaconf.tel
Line Count: 79
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cbc518c9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3360801
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE: MARCH 10/11
TAGS: OGEN, SHUM, PGOV, CI, (LETELIER, ORLANDO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbsc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cbc518c9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014